## PROCEDURE REGARDING DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

**PRESIDENT**: Under Rule 69, the debate on the Budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of Demands for Grants. Two days have been allotted for the general discussion and the maximum of seven days has been set apart for the voting of Demands for Grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the List of Demands, copy of which has been already furnished to honourable members. The Demands under I Public Works Department, IV Education and V Land Revenue may each be discussed for one whole day; and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining Demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed, during the general discussion stage, not more than fifteen minutes as usual. But I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

When voting on the Demands for Grants, every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretary two clear days before the day on which the Demand comes up for consideration. Late motions will not be accepted. It will facilitate business if honourable members giving notice of token motions—which can most conveniently be for a reduction of one rupee—will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut and take care to see that the cut motions are confined to amounts entirely votable. May I also invite the attention of honourable members to my ruling regarding budget motions given on the 30th July 1935, reported on pages 705 to 707 of Vol. VI of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly.

In calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of Demands, I propose to follow the procedure which has been followed during the last two years. A day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. One hour being available for question time, and another hour (1 to 2 P. M.) as lunch interval, the remaining four hours will be treated as one full day and two hours as half a day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of Demands for Grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any particular Demand, but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more Demands.

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## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

**PRESIDENT**: Under Rule 3 (2) of the Legislative Rules, I have nominated Messrs. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai and K. Padmanabhan as the Panel of Chairmen for the current Session.

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